

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to sponsor 22 special events during June 2015

(DOVER, Del.—May 14, 2015)—During the month of June 2015, the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs will be offering 22 special programs at sites across the state. Except where noted, programs are free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-744-5055.



Visitors enjoying a tour of the DeBraak hull. Lecture/tours of the 19th century British warship will be conducted beginning in June and continuing through September 2015.

Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs special events, June 2015

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015

[Lecture/tour of His Majesty's Sloop DeBraak](#). Explore the history of the DeBraak which was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798. Program includes a trip to the hull facility in nearby Cape Henlopen State Park for a tour of the surviving section of the ship's hull. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Programs at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Limited seating. Admission \$10 by reservation only through the Shop Delaware website (go to <http://shop.delaware.gov> and click the "Tours" link). For additional information, call 302-645-1148.

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2015

“Thirsty on Thursdays.” Learn how to make cool 18th-century drinks including switchels, lemonade and tea. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

Saturday, June 6, 2015

[Free lecture/tour of His Majesty’s Sloop DeBraak for U.S. military members and their families](#). Explore the history of the DeBraak which was capsized and lost off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798. Program includes a trip to the hull facility in nearby Cape Henlopen State Park for a tour of the surviving section of the ship’s hull. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. Programs at 9 a.m. and Noon. Limited seating. Tours for current and former members of the U.S. military and their families only. Admission free by reservation only through the Shop Delaware website (go to <http://shop.delaware.gov> and click the “Tours” link). For additional information, call 302-645-1148.

Saturday, June 6, 2015

“Bring Your Partners: Learn the Art of Old English Country Dancing.” Inter-active program in which visitors will discover the style that was the precursor to square dancing. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Programs at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5055.

Saturday, June 6, 2015

“The Golden Age of Jazz.” Here tunes from the hottest era in jazz music played on authentic Victor Talking Machines and join in on popular dances from that time. [First Saturday in the First State](#) program. [Johnson Victrola Museum](#), 375 S. New St., Dover. Programs at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Museum open 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5055.

Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13, 2015

[Separation Day](#). Celebration marking the 238th anniversary of Delaware’s separation from Great Britain and Pennsylvania

and the formation of the Delaware State. Programs include activities at the [New Castle Court House Museum](#). Downtown New Castle. Friday, 5–10 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–10 p.m. 302-323-4453 or 302-545-1650.

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild. Program explores spinning, weaving, knitting and other fabric arts. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Program 1–3 p.m. Museum open 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

Friday, June 19, 2015

“The Doctor Is In.” Living-history theatrical performance by Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs historical interpreter Dennis Fisher exploring the life and times of Dr. James Sykes, an 18th to 19th-century Dover physician. Partnership between the division and the Dover Public Library. [Dover Public Library](#), 35 Loockerman Plaza, Dover. 7 p.m. 302-736-7030.



Dennis Fisher will portray Dr. James Sykes in “The Doctor Is In” program on June 19, 2015.

Sunday, June 21, 2015

17th Annual Chautauqua Tent Show: "Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past." Programs begin at Noon and culminate at 7:15 p.m. when David Scott Taylor of the American Historical Theatre performs "Gideon Olmstead—Adventures of a Sea Captain During the Revolution." [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. 302-645-1148.

Monday, June 22, 2015

17th Annual Chautauqua Tent Show: "Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past." Programs begin at Noon and culminate at 7:15 p.m. when Daisy Century of the American Historical Theatre performs "~~Phyllis~~ Phillis Wheatley's Voyage to Britain" which explores an episode in the life of the first published African-American poet. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. 302-645-1148. **Note spelling correction.**

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

17th Annual Chautauqua Tent Show: "Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past." Concert by the [Skinny Leg Pete Band](#) performing soul, funk, blues and rock 'n' roll. Stango Park, 111 Adams Ave., Lewes. 7 p.m. 302-645-1148.

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

"Painting Party @ The Pole Shed." Aided by an art instructor, guests at one of Delaware's most historic estates will help to create the "Peaceful Path" painting while enjoying food and beverages provided by Caffé Gelato. [Buena Vista Conference Center](#), 661 S. Dupont Highway (Route 13), New Castle. 6–8:30 p.m. Admission \$39 in advance. For tickets, go to <http://www.painting-parties.com/6-23-buena-vista-conference-center.html>. For information, call 302-323-4430.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

17th Annual Chautauqua Tent Show: "Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past." Programs begin at Noon and culminate at 7:15 p.m. when Christian Johnson of the American Historical

Theatre portrays William Augustus Newell founder of U.S. Life-Saving Service. [Lewes Historical Society](#) complex, 110 Shipcarpenter St., Lewes. 302-645-7670.



Christian Johnson will portray Gov. William Augustus Newell, founder of U.S. Life-Saving Service, on June 24, 2015.

Thursday, June 25, 2015

[17th Annual Chautauqua Tent Show: "Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past."](#) Programs begin at Noon and culminate at 7:15 p.m. when Kim Hanley of the American Historical Theatre portrays first lady Abigail Adams discussing trade and embargoes during the American Revolution. [Lewes Historical Society](#) complex, 110 Shipcarpenter St., Lewes. 302-645-7670.

Exhibits and displays, May 2015

In addition to special programming, the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is sponsoring the following exhibits and displays:

Ongoing

["Delaware and the War of 1812."](#) Exhibit examines the service

and sacrifice of Delawareans of 1812 to 1815, and the important role that the state played in a conflict that helped shaped the development of the United States. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission. 302-645-1148.

Ongoing

[“Delaware Mourns Lincoln: A Demonstration of Love and Sorrow.”](#) Utilizing graphics, clothing and memorabilia, the display explores how Delawareans expressed their deep sorrow upon the death of President Abraham Lincoln on April 15, 1865. From the collections of the state of Delaware. [The Old State House](#), 25 The Green, Dover. Mon.–Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. 302-744-5055.

Ongoing

[“Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey From Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad.”](#) Exhibit chronicles the compelling story of Emeline Hawkins and her family and their 1845 odyssey on the Underground Railroad from slavery in Maryland, through Delaware to freedom in Pennsylvania. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.

Ongoing

[Items from the permanent collections.](#) Designed by the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the exhibit includes items from the permanent collections of the Laurel Historical Society including images from the [Waller Photographic Collection](#). [Laurel Heritage Museum](#), Mechanic St., Laurel. Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–Noon. 302-875-9319 or 302-875-1344.

Ongoing Thru ~~spring 2015~~

[“Middletown Goes To War.”](#) Designed by the Delaware Division

of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the exhibit spotlights the contributions of Middletown's veterans from the Revolutionary War to the present. [Middletown Historical Society](#), 216 N. Broad St., Middletown. Fri., 9 a.m.–3 p.m. First Sat. of each month, 9 a.m.–Noon. Third Wed. of each month, Noon–4 p.m. Other times by appointment. 302-378-7466. **Note change in closing date.**

Ongoing

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#). Display of works by the noted Wilmington artist featuring historical and political figures including a Minute Man, and presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and George W. Bush. [New Castle Court House Museum](#), 211 Delaware St., New Castle. Mon.–Sat., 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Sun., 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-323-4453.



Bust of Richard Nixon by Charles Parks. The work is currently on-display at the New Castle Court House Museum.

Ongoing

[“A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World.”](#) Exhibit utilizes artifacts recovered from His Majesty's

Sloop of War DeBraak, a British warship that sank off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798 to tell the story of the vessel, its crew and the historical context within which it operated in the Atlantic World of the late 18th century. [Zwaanendael Museum](#), 102 Kings Highway, Lewes. April 1–Oct. 31: Tue.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1:30–4:30 p.m. Nov. 1–March 31: Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 302-645-1148.

Ongoing

“[Simple Machines](#).” Exhibit demonstrating the six “simple machines”—incline ramp, screw, wedge, pulley, lever and wheel—that constitute the elementary building blocks of which many more-complicated machines are composed. [John Dickinson Plantation](#), 340 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Wed.–Sat., 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. 302-739-3277.

Ongoing

“[World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis](#).” Designed by the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the display features photographs taken in Western Europe from 1943-45. From the collections of the state of Delaware. [Legislative Hall](#), 411 Legislative Ave., Dover. Limited visitation hours; call 302-739-9194 before planning a visit.



Photograph of two P-51 Mustang fighter aircraft. The image is part of the display “World War II

Through the Lens of William
D. Willis" at Dover's
Legislative Hall.

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